

ISC DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES ON SCIENCES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

As announced in the 7th Roundtable of ISC Unions and Associations (see the document in attachment that was presented to the last ISC Roundtable), the GeoUnions¹ call on all Members of the International Science Council, particularly its Category 1 Members, to contribute to and support the ongoing successful ISC Distinguished Lecture Series on Science for Sustainable Development (ISC-DLS-S4SD), with the aim of making it more inclusive. Expanding the constellation of scientific disciplines can help advance sustainability science and highlight the importance of interdisciplinary and integrated research. Therefore, we release two calls to actively participate in the new phase of ISC-DLS.

Nominations of lecturers and selection committee members

ISC Members are invited to nominate:

- lecturers for the ISC-DLS-S4SD (see nomination form 1 below), and
- one representative per an ISC Member organization to serve on the ISC-DLS-S4SD Selection Committee (see nomination form 2 below).

Based on nominations received, a new Selection Committee, composed of six members, will be proposed by the current Selection Committee to an ISC representative. After approval by the ISC, the current Committee will retire and the new Committee will start its work.

The Committee will then evaluate nominations for lectures and select lecturers to speak in 2026 and subsequent years, with approximately six lectures scheduled per year. The Chair or Co-Chair of the Selection Committee will contact the selected lecturers to invite them to participate in the ISC-DLS and to coordinate the scheduling of their lectures.

The deadline for nominations is: 31st March 2026!

Nominations should be sent to Prof. Giuliano Manara (e-mail: giuliano.manara@unipi.it), and copy to Prof. Hassina Mouri (e-mail: hmouri@uj.ac.za).

Attachment

Nomination Form 1 (lecturer nomination)

1. Nominating ISC organization
2. Person eligible to nominate (President, Secretary General, or other officer of the ISC organization)

¹ The GeoUnions (GUs) is a network of representatives of the international scientific unions of the International Science Council (ISC) dealing with Earth and space sciences. Currently, it is composed of ten ISC Unions and Associations: IAU, ICA, IGU, INQUA, ISPRS, IUGG, IUGS, IUSS, UIS, and URSI. For more information, see <https://icsu-geounions.org>

3. Information about the nominee
 - Name
 - Affiliation
 - Professional website and e-mail address
 - Brief CV (1/2 page, A4) highlighting the nominee's scientific contribution to sustainability
4. Information on the lecture
 - Title
 - Abstract (1/2 page, A4, in plain language)
 - Explanation of the relevance of the subject to the achievement of the SDG targets.

Nomination Form 2 (Selection committee membership nominations)

The Selection Committee members should be experts in one of the SDG target fields to perform peer-review assessments.

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2. Person eligible to nominate (President, Secretary General, or other officer of the ISC organization)
3. Information about the nominee
 - Name
 - Affiliation
 - Professional website and e-mail address
 - Brief CV (1/2 page, A4) highlighting the nominee's scientific contribution to one of the SDG target fields.